

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

To remove the public interest caps on ownership would push our media to develop into a corporate censored media focused solely on the interests of big business. There is already far too much corporate censorship of the American media. Our media already resembles the old Soviet official paper, PRAVDA. But our American PRAVDA, ironically, serves the interests of another kind of totalitarian order - the corporate elite who wish to dominate world markets. Corporations are not citizens. Corporations do not have human rights such as free speech, etc. They merely use the rhetoric of human rights in order to infringe upon the rights of citizens. The FCC was created to protect the rights of citizens from monopoly capitalism. The FCC must protect us from the corporate censorship of our media by upholding ownership caps. There can be no democracy without a free press! The FCC is beholden to us, the citizens -- not to corporate robber barons. The FCC must keep the safeguards which prevent!

cross ownership and market domination by media conglomerates.